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80TH CONGRESS
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S. 888

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 19), 1947

Mr. THOMAS of Utah (for himself and Mr. HILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To promote the common defense by unifying the departments and agencies of the Government relating to the common defense.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 *That this Act may be cited as the "Common Defense Act*
- 4 *of 1947".*

5 DECLARATION OF POLICY

- 6 SEC. 2. In enacting this legislation, it is the intent of
- 7 Congress to provide a comprehensive and continuous pro-
- 8 gram for our future safety and for the peace and security of
- 9 the world; to coordinate under civilian control the depart-

1 the Department, council, board, or agency which such
2 person is advising or in which such Department, council,
3 board, or agency is directly interested.

4 **PERMANENT PERSONNEL**

5 SEC. 302. The executive secretaries of the Council of
6 Common Defense and the National Security Resources
7 Board and the Director of the Central Intelligence
8 Agency are each authorized to appoint and fix the
9 compensation of such personnel as may be necessary
10 to perform their respective duties and as may be appro-
11 priated for from time to time by the Congress. Such
12 appointments shall be made and such compensation shall be
13 fixed in accordance with the provisions of the civil-service
14 laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

15 **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

16 SEC. 303. The Council of Common Defense, the Cen-
17 tral Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Re-
18 sources Board are each authorized to make such rules and
19 regulations as may be necessary to enable them to carry out
20 the duties imposed upon them by this Act.